

From: [Walter M. Shaub](#)
To: [Emory A. Rounds III](#); [Matthew A. Marinac](#); [George Hancock](#)
Cc: [Shelley K. Finlayson](#)
Subject: FW: OGE Materials
Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:33:13 PM

You have a standing approval for access through Inauguration day.

From: Erin Harmon - WPM1E [mailto:erin.harmon@gsa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Walter M. Shaub
Cc: Sean Doocey; Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Re: OGE Materials

Referral to GSA
Re: Office Space Access

Good afternoon --

Mr. Hancock, Mr. Marinac, and Mr. Rounds have all been cleared and are on an access list for the Transition Space under U# A00011. This list will expire on 1/21/17, and any OGE additions, subtractions, or changes will also go on this list -- I will just need to submit them through US Secret Service.

Thanks,
Erin

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 12:10 PM, Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov> wrote:

Erin, Ok. It would have been nice to have been notified by GSA about the space changes, but we'll work something else out with the transition team. It may be just as easy to send someone over to their offices anytime they need our help. In the meantime, I'll forward your message to the three OGE employees who will email or call you with their WAVES information.

Sean, we can send our guys to you today or tomorrow, whichever is best for you. I think we have to give the WAVES folks a 30-minute window as to when they'll arrive, if the same rules apply to GSA as apply to the White House.

Walt

From: Erin Harmon - WPM1E [mailto:erin.harmon@gsa.gov]
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To: Walter M. Shaub
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I double checked with Secret Service, and you could bring the three boxes through the main door without any additional screening. The cart would still have to be checked at the door. Anyone who requires entrance needs to complete the WAVES form that is attached. You can password protect the spreadsheet, or I can take it over the phone, if you prefer.

Regarding the space, there was an office that was dedicated for the OGE, but space plans have changed significantly since the review of floor plans and arrival of the Office of the President-elect. GSA will continue to work with the Office of the President-elect to redesignate and provide the space for OGE, and to ensure it is in the location they deem most appropriate.

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:29 AM, Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov> wrote:
Thanks, **Sean**. I'd also like to send Emory Rounds so you can talk about your plans for him.

Erin, they are coming with 3 boxes of supplies that the transition team will absolutely need right away for its work. They are the size of copier paper boxes. They will be delivered on a cart by another OGE employee. In addition, can you let me know about the status of GSA's longstanding plan to provide OGE with an office just outside the transition team's space so that we can coordinate with them throughout the transition? We're at the point where GSA is passing the baton to OGE on the heavy lifting, and we haven't heard any updates on this space.

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From: Erin Harmon - WPM1E [mailto:erin.harmon@gsa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:28 AM

To: Sean Doocey

Cc: Walter M. Shaub; Shelley K. Finlayson

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Good morning -- are they the size of paper boxes, and will the cart be wheeled up by a person, or on a truck?

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:22 AM, Sean Doocey (b) (6) wrote:
Perfect, thanks so much. I'm looping in Erin Harmon who is our GSA lead, because I am not sure about the logistics for accepting the delivery of materials at the transition.

I believe that we'll need to submit George to WAVES so he can access the building. I am free any time tomorrow if that works for George.

Thanks for all of your help. --Sean

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:09 AM, Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov> wrote:
Absolutely. What would work best would be if I could send someone with the materials. It's three boxes on cart. Also, Shelley says you'd like to talk to George Hancock. I could send him over there too. Would that work?

From: Sean Doocey [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Walter M. Shaub; Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: OGE Materials

Hi Walt and Shelley,

Would it be possible for us to get the copies of the OGE guides so that we can start sending them out to our nominees?

Thanks, Sean

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From: [David J. Apol](#)
To: [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)
Subject: FW: meeting with Adminsitrator
Date: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:53:18 AM

From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 4:15 PM
To: 'Lennard Loewentritt - L'
Cc: David J. Apol
Subject: RE: meeting with Adminsitrator

Thanks, Lenny.

Here's one of the articles with the quote in question. The juxtaposition of the discussion of GSA's statements about the contract and about OGE's role create the distinct impression that OGE is responsible for enforcing GSA's regulations:

Asked for comment, a GSA spokesperson told Government Executive, "Per the [Old Post Office Building Redevelopment Act of 2008](#), Congress directed the General Services Administration to redevelop the Old Post Office building. GSA ran a fair and open competition, subject to careful and rigorous review . . . GSA negotiated a lease with the Trump Organization and submitted the details to Congress prior to signing the lease in August 2013.

"It is the Office of Government Ethics that provides guidance to the executive branch on questions of ethics and conflicts of interest," the spokesperson said. "GSA plans to coordinate with the president-elect's team to address any issues that may be related to the Old Post Office building."

<http://www.govexec.com/contracting/2016/11/gsa-will-examine-ethics-issues-around-trumps-dc-hotel-lease/133262/>

Here's another article:

The GSA said in a statement that, as required when Congress ordered the redevelopment of the Old Post Office in 2008, it "ran a fair and open competition, subject to careful and rigorous review, which resulted in the selection of the Trump Organization as the preferred private sector entity to redevelop the Old Post Office."

"It is the Office of Government Ethics that provides guidance to the executive branch on questions of ethics and conflicts of interest," the agency said. "GSA plans to coordinate with the president-elect's team to address any issues that may be related to the Old Post Office building."

However, the Office of Government Ethics lacks jurisdiction over the terms of federal contracts,

and so its only role might be to advise the Trump White House.

A spokesman for the ethics office declined to comment. Trump's transition team did not respond to a request for comment.

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/white-house/article117791028.html>

From: Lennard Loewentritt - L [<mailto:lenny.loewentritt@gsa.gov>]

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Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 4:07 PM

To: Walter M. Shaub

Subject: Re: meeting with Adminsitrator

Walt, thank you for your email message from earlier today. I have tried to contact Dave Apol to get some clarity on what GSA has actually communicated regarding the Trump lease. There may be some misunderstanding which I want to discuss with him. I just want to confirm that I did in fact receive your message and will get back to you as soon as Dave and I can connect.

Lenny

On Thu, Dec 1, 2016 at 12:30 PM, Walter M. Shaub <wmschaub@oge.gov> wrote:
Lenny,

I have been reading in GSA's press releases indicating that GSA expects OGE to apply GSA's regulations to make a decision about the Old Post Office contract. I would like to meet with your Administrator to understand GSA's position. Would you please let her know that I would like to meet with her at her convenience next week? I am happy to travel to GSA for the meeting.

Walt

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From: [David J. Apol](#)
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Subject: FW: Can I give you a call today?
Date: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:51:50 AM

From: Lennard Loewentritt - L [mailto:lenny.loewentritt@gsa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 2:06 PM
To: David J. Apol
Subject: Can I give you a call today?

Dave, I hope that you are doing well. Do you have time today (maybe 3:45) to chat about Walter's email message regarding the Trump lease. There may be some misunderstanding that I would like to discuss with you.

Lenny